



Your pathway to fun! Great parks, great programs, great events, all family friendly!

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### Social Media:

#### \* Facebook

Check us out on Facebook at [facebook/richmondinpark](https://www.facebook.com/richmondinpark)

#### \* Twitter

Follow us on Twitter  
[@RichmondINParks](https://twitter.com/RichmondINParks)



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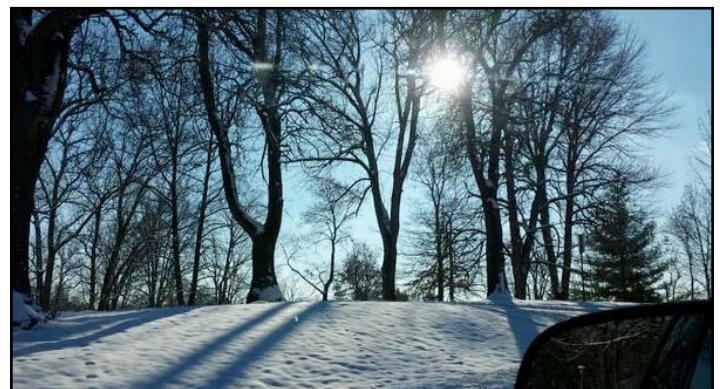
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# NEVER ENDING COLD!



With the ending of January, we can only hope that warm weather is on the way. At the Parks Department, we keep thinking every passing day brings us closer to summer, JUKO, concerts, and movies in the park! Even if the cold weather does make it seem so far away.

It should not be long until Roosevelt Hill is filled with grass again, so while you can, enjoy the park for sledding and other snow-related activities. Please be



cautious. The hill can be lots of fun until an injury occurs.

Similarly, there is still ice and snow on our roads, and we want to caution motorists in all of

our parks. Drive slowly for your own safety, and be on the lookout for those who walk or run in the park.

Until our next Parks Department Newsletter, take care and stay warm!

# Meltdown Winter Ice Festival



Carving has started for the Richmond Meltdown Winter Ice Festival! It is an exciting weekend featuring the Downtown and Depot areas of Richmond, Indiana focused on a thrilling tour of custom ice sculptures, impressive ice fights, lively winter activities for all ages, and so much more!

Check it out before it melts away! The event is January 31 - February 2, 2014. Perfect for a good time out with family and friends right before

gathering around to watch the Superbowl.

## 22 Tons of ICE

Twenty-two tons of ice are going to be carved up into spectacular displays!

So many things are happening with the Meltdown, that we can only mention a few planned activities:

### Ice Fights

The Meltdown Main Event is the ice fights! They will be bringing in Texas Ice Fighters to carve live sculptures head-on-head to see who can create the best ice masterpiece. It'll be a challenge like none other. You don't want to miss it. Want a better idea of what an ice fight is? Check out the social media links and watch the ice fight videos!



### Family Fun

There are tons of interactive ways for people of all ages to get involved this winter, including kids activities, ice events, fun, food, games, and more!



### Daytime Festivities

Throughout the day, the Meltdown is home to some extremely unique and engaging activities for different age ranges. From Ice Ping Pong, to the Ice Sculpture Tour; from The Frozen 5K to the Chili Crawl, this festival is bound to keep you entertained for the weekend!



### Night Life

The Meltdown

Winter Ice

Festival night life is booming with fun and exciting events, including the featured ice fights, family oriented fun, and opportunities for the 21 and over crowd.

### Check it out

With so much planned, you'll want to try to fit in all the sights! For more info, check out the website: [RichmondMeltdown.com](http://RichmondMeltdown.com). You can keep up with the changes on the website, or check out the Festival on social media.

Like them on Facebook: and follow them on Twitter: @Meltdown47374.

Use the hashtag #RichmondMeltdown!



**Hot Spot:** Worried about staying warm throughout the Meltdown festivities? Warming stations are located throughout Downtown and Depot areas. Hot Spot locations will have this sign posted in the window!





# #RichmondMeltdown



# Wayne County Challenge

The Wayne County Challenge recently held their annual End of Race Season Banquet. People were awarded trophies for being the top in their age group, and Elite Eight shirts if they completed all eight races within the Challenge - including our very own Rosemary Weigel Frostbite 5K.

In fact, many of the Elite Eight runners had their best time at the Frostbite! Way to go!



## Carpe Viam

Carpe Viam is now open. You can register for all eight races in the Wayne County Challenge and save money by signing up before May 12th.

This includes our Rosemary Weigel Frostbite 5K. Haven't heard of it? Read the section entitled Frostbite 5K!

\*Noted Rule change: Participant age for all races and the series will be based on the athlete's age on 12/31/14.

## Big Promotion

The Challenge is also taking sponsors this year! Only a few sponsorship



spots are available, so if you are interested, be sure to ask about it right away!

Contact new co-chairs Rod Waltz and Ashley Stephen at [wccChairman@wcchallenge.org](mailto:wccChairman@wcchallenge.org) for more information about this exciting opportunity.

## The Challenge

Learn more about the Wayne County Challenge at [WCChallenge.org](http://WCChallenge.org). The website is packed fully of information regarding scoring system, photos, links, featured runners, race results and more!

On the Wayne County Challenge website, you can also learn how to get a FREE student race entry.

You can also check out the Facebook page where you can interact with other runners and stay on top of the latest runner information, find other 5Ks in the area, and ask for running tips. Just search for the group called Wayne County Challenge.

## The Rosemary Weigel FROSTBITE 5K

### Frostbite 5K

Our race begins near twilight in Glen Miller Park, setting the scene for a beautiful evening run through the park as thousands of luminaries light the way.

For the area's runners, it is the chance to be able to compete in the last race in the Wayne County Challenge, bringing to an end the year's eight 5K race commitment. For the walkers, it's a 5K like no other.

Being the only evening run/walk in the Wayne County Challenge gives us the perfect backdrop to light the park with luminaries, play holiday music throughout the race, serve hot chocolate, and showcase performances throughout the event.

With us, you're risking

Frostbite, but it's an experience you don't want to miss.

The Rosemary Weigel Frostbite 5K is special to the Richmond Parks and Recreation staff. Our race is named after Rosemary, a long-time park employee, who passed away February 2012 after battling cancer. We can think of no better way to keep her spirit alive than to name our 5K after her. She was always a fixture at the races and very involved in our programs.

In 2013, Warm Glow Candle sponsored our race.



# Cope Shares Recycling News

Recently, our friends at Cope Environmental Center shared some good news on their social media accounts.

"Just learned Richmond can recycle magazines now! Great news! Bundle them with your newspapers and put them at the top of your materials in your recycling container!"

Just another way to make the world in which we live a better place.

After the initial post, Cope added information for those who do not have curbside pick-up, stating

they had talked to the sanitation department and "All you have to do is go onto the scale at the New Paris Landfill and let the folks there know what kind of recycling you have!"

Great news Cope! Always living up to their motto: Making sense of sustainability.

Cope Environmental Center is located at 4910 Shoemaker Road in Centerville. Learn more about Cope and what they do on social media and on their website, [CopeEnvironmental.org](http://CopeEnvironmental.org).



## General Information

### Our Mission...

The Richmond Parks and Recreation department provides for the positive development and well being of the Richmond community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails and recreational programming and facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers and partners in the community to maximize all available resources.

### Volunteer!

We need volunteers to assist us at many of our events. Volunteer tasks may include: setting up

and running children's games, leading arts and crafts, monitoring lines, tearing down, etc.



To show our appreciation for the hours of service donated by our volunteers, we have created an incentive program. Organizations can sign up for the program and then we will keep a log of hours donated. These hours can then be traded for facility rentals. If you would like

more information, please contact our office today!

### Get in Touch!

Let us know your comments or concerns! You can contact us through postal mail, phone, email, or you can come visit us in person!



#### Address:

2200 East Main Street  
Glen Miller Park (next to playground)  
Richmond, IN 47374

#### Telephone:

(765) 983-PARK (7275)

#### Hours:

Monday - Friday;  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(expect holidays)

#### Email:

[parks@richmondindiana.gov](mailto:parks@richmondindiana.gov)

#### Website:

[richmondindiana.gov](http://richmondindiana.gov),  
navigate to the Parks  
Department page

#### Other Numbers:

- \* Cordell Municipal Pool:  
983-7292
- \* Middlefork Reservoir:  
983-7293
- \* Richmond Community  
Senior Center:  
983-7300

# Facility Rentals

## Your Event in the Park

We have enclosed and open-air shelters throughout Richmond. Let one of our cabins, outdoor shelters or pavilions be the host of your special event! From birthday parties to bridal showers to church gatherings, our facilities are perfect places for your groups to meet. Rent by calling (765) 983-7275 or stopping by the Parks Office in Glen Miller Park.

\*\* Most enclosed rentals include indoor restrooms and kitchen facilities.

\*\* A \$50.00 key/damage deposit is required for enclosed facilities when you pick up your key.

\*\* All Open Air Shelters have a 50 percent discount on weekdays (except holidays).

### Glen Miller Park

#### Enclosed Facilities:

*Mac's Shack:* Capacity: 36  
Rate: \$60.00                      Holiday Rate: \$85.00

*Charles House:* Capacity: 40  
Rate: \$70.00                      Holiday Rate: \$95.00  
\*Handicap Ramp; A/C

*Don's Cabin:* Capacity: 66  
Rate: \$70.00                      Holiday Rate: \$95.00

*Glen Miller Band Shell:* Certificate of Liability Required  
\$275.00/day; \$200 deposit

#### Open Air Shelters:

Medium Shelters (#3,7-11): Capacity 36 - 54  
\$39.75

Large Shelter (#4): Capacity 96  
\$45.00

X-Large Shelter (#2): Capacity 120  
\$50.50

### Starr Gennett Building

**Enclosed Facility:** Capacity 600  
Certificate of Liability Required  
\$275.00/day; \$200 deposit

### Mary Scott Park

**Enclosed Facility:** Capacity: 42  
Rate: \$70.00                      Holiday Rate: \$95.00

**Open Air Shelter:** Capacity 36  
\$45.00

### Springwood Lake Park

**Enclosed Facility:** Capacity 150  
Rate: \$150.00                      Holiday Rate: \$175.00

**Open Air Shelter:** Capacity: 36  
\$39.75

### Middlefork Reservoir

**Enclosed Facility:** Capacity 54  
Available April 1– October 31  
Rate: \$65.00                      Holiday Rate: \$95.00

**Open Air Shelters:**  
Medium Shelter (#1): Capacity 40  
\$45.00

Large Shelters (#3, 4): Capacity 54  
\$45.00

### Other:

Richmond Senior Community Center - Call 983-7300  
Cordell Municipal Pool - Call 983-7292



# Notice Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the City of Richmond, Indiana, will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

**Employment:** The City of Richmond, Indiana does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

**E f f e c t i v e Communication:** The City of Richmond will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Richmond programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communication accessible to people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.

**Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The City of Richmond will make all reasonable modifications to policies

and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcome in the City of Richmond offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Richmond, should contact the office of D. Sue Roberson, ADA Coordinator, by telephone (765-983-7244) or email (sroberson@richmondindiana.gov) as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the City of Richmond, Indiana, to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Complaints that a program, service or activity of the City of Richmond, Indiana, is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to D. Sue Roberson, ADA Coordinator, 50 North 5th Street, Richmond, IN 47374, telephone 765-983-

7244, or email sroberson@richmondindiana.gov.

The City of Richmond, Indiana, will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

City of Richmond, Indiana  
Grievance Procedure Under  
The American with Disabilities Act

This Grievance Procedure is established for the City of Richmond, Indiana, to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Richmond, Indiana. The City's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location,

date and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request. The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

D. Sue Roberson  
ADA Coordination/  
Director of Human Resources  
City of Richmond, Indiana  
50 North Fifth Street  
Richmond, IN 47374

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, D. Sue Roberson as ADA Coordinator, or her designee, will meet with complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, D. Sue Roberson as ADA Coordinator, or her designee, will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Richmond, Indiana, and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

# Staff Directory

## Administration Staff

Bill Thistlethwaite	Superintendent	983-7276	billt@richmondindiana.gov
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Christy Mosey	Business Manager	983-7271	
Sheila Mills	Administrative Assistant	983-7270	
Faye Paul	Receptionist	983-7275	
Penny Klusman	Part-time Bookkeeper	983-7277	

## Recreation Staff

Alisha Estabrook	Special Projects Coordinator	983-7420	aestabrook@richmondindiana.gov
Leslie Hall	Senior Services Coordinator	983-7300	lhall@richmondindiana.gov
Marshall Ma	Wellness Coordinator	983-7425	marshall@richmondindiana.gov
Larry Swihart	Golf Division Director	983-7287	lswihart@richmondindiana.gov

## Parks and Recreation Board

Deanna Beaman, President  
Mike Foley, Vice President  
Dr. Karen Montgomery, Member  
Gary Turner, Member  
Clay Miller, City Council Liaison

## Important Phone Numbers

Maintenance Building 983-7319  
Municipal Pool 983-7292  
Senior Center 983-7300  
Middlefork Reservoir 983-7293  
Highland Lake Golf Course 983-7287